# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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PANCHAKARMA TREATMENT
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a tremendous demand for `Panchakarma` treatment of Ayurveda System in the country and abroad ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to bestow special consideration for development & propagation of this system of treatment;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government will consider upgradation of the Institute of Panchakarma as a National Institute ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Government is aware of the popularity of Panchkarma treatment in the country and abroad. A number of steps have been taken for development and propagation of Panchakarma therapy which include publication of monographs on the outcome of Panchkarma research on neuromuscular disorders, creation of awareness through live demonstration of Panchkarma therapy in health melas/exhibitions, designing of improved Panchkarma equipment, re-orientation training on Panchkarma therapy, etc. The Government is also giving financial support for creation of Panchkarma Therapy Centres in the Allopathic hospitals.

(d) & (e) The Government is not aware of any Government Institute of Panchkarma and the question of its upgradation as a national institute does not arise.